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Application No.: 09/112,131

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
A CRYPTOGRAPHICALLY
ASSISTED COMMERCIAL
NETWORK SYSTEM DESIGNED
TO FACILITATE AND SUPPORT
EXPERT-BASED COMMERCE

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) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**
) **to the Non-final Office Action**
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 11, 2000, (Paper No. 13), consideration of the following remarks and entry of the following amendments into the above identified application are respectfully requested.